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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY -- FEBRUARY 16-17
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH FEBRUARY 16-17 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING, LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR MEISCH, ON BEHALF OF EC PRESIDENCY, CALLED ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FEBRUARY 4FOR ONE OF A SERIES OF GENERAL REVIEWS OF CURRENT ISSUES. MEISCH SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AGENDA FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING, AND REF A HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT. ON SPAIN, PROGRESS OF DOMESITC DEVELOPMENTS WAS REVIEWED, HARTMAN URGING THAT TIES WITH MODERATE ELEMENTS PROCEED AND MEISCH ESTIMATING THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMALIZED EC-SPANISH RELATIONSHIP MIGHT TAKE TWO YEARS. REVIEW OF GENERALLY ENCOURAGING PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS LED HARTMAN AND MEISCH TO AGREE THAT WESTERN AID, PARTICULARLY COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, SHOULD PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. ON CYPRUS, HARTMAN NOTED DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN GETTING VIENNA INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS GOING AND EXPECTED IN FOSTERING PROGRESS ONCE THEY HAVE RESUMED, STATING THAT EC ASSISTANCE TOWARD PROMOTING PROGRESS IN THIS AREA WILL CONTINUE TO BE USEFUL. MEISCH ASKED WHETHER PM THORN COULD PLAY A ROLE IN THIS REGARD, NOTING HIS STATUS AS EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CURRENCY OF GREEK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ISSUE. HARTMAN SAID WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING SPECIFIC ROLE FOR ANY COMMUNITY FIGURE AT THIS POINT, ALTHOUGH MEISCH MIGHT WANT TO EXPLORE THORN'S VIEWS ON HOW TO PROMOTE PROGRESS. HARTMAN AND MEISCH AGREED THAT EC EFFORTS BEYOND SIMPLY ANOTHER INITIATIVE BY THE NINE MAY BE CALLED FOR ONCE THE VIENNA ROUND BEGINS AND THE PARTIES PROCEED TO THE POINT OF TABLING PROPOSALS. GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDENCY ON ISSUES RAISED REF. A FOLLOWS.

3. LEBANON. IN ADDITION TO POINTS IN REF B EMBASSY MAY PROVIDE FOLLOWING CURRENT US READING OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SITUATION IN LEBANON. WE ARE CAUTIOUSLY ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT COURSE OF DEVELOPMENTSINLEBANON, AS THE CEASE-FIRE IS CONSOLIDATED, BUT THE COUNTRY STILLHAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE GENUINE STABILITY IS ACHIEVED. PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS FEBRUARY 7 RESULTED IN A SYRIAN GUARANTEE THAT THE OLD CAIRO AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE BEHAVIOR AND ARMS OF THE FEDAYEEN IN LEBANON WOULD BE ENFORCED. FINAL DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT ON THE INTRA-LEBANESE POLITICAL AGREEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED IN BEIRUT, PERHAPSAS SOON AS FEBRUARY 14. AS EC-9 KNOW, POLITICAL AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO ENHANCE MOSLEMS' POSITION INHITHERTO CHRISTIAN-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT BY INSTITUTINGSUCH MEASURES AS A 50-50 CHRISTIAN/MOSLEM DIVISION OF

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PARLIAMENT, INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT 55-44, WHILE
MAINTAINING VARIOUS SAFEGUARDS FOR CHRISTIANS.

IT IS FAR FROM SURE THAT SYRIAN MEDIATION EFFORT
WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL IN LONG RUN BECAUSE OF DEEP
FACTIONAL DIVISIONS IN LEBANON AND BITTERNESS
ENGENDERED BY FIGHTING. SYRIANS, HOWEVER, HAVE
COMMITTED CONSIDERABLE ASSETS AND THEIR PRESTIGE TOWARD
MAKING IT SUCCEED. A SYRIAN-DIRECTED PLA PRESENCE IN
LEBANON

LASTING FOR SOME MONTHS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ASSURE SECURITY,
SINCE THE DEMORALIZED AND WEAKENED LEBANESE ARMED FORCES
AND INTERNAL SECURITY UNITS WILL FOR SOME TIME BE UNABLE TO
CARRY OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY EFFECTIVELY.

WHEN VIOLENCE SPIRALED IN JANUARY, WE WERE CONCERNED THAT
THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LEBANON MIGHT SPARK SYRIAN
INTERVENTION AND ISRAELI COUNTER-REACTION LEADING TO
ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. WE WARNED BOTH GOVERNMENTS
AGAINST OUTRIGHT INTERVENTION. WHEN THE SYRIANS LATER
ALLOWED A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLA TROOPS TO ENTER LEBANON,
WE DID OUR BEST TO KEEP UNDER CONTROL ISRAEL'S CONCERN.
WHATEVER MAY BE ULTIMATE EFFECTS OF ENHANCED SYRIAN/PALES-
TINIAN ROLE IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS, IT IS A REALITY THAT
CEASEFIRE THAT FOLLOWED IS THE FIRST THAT APPEARS TO HAVE
SOME CHANCE OF HOLDING AND IS THE FIRST TO STIMULATE
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SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR A REASONABLE POLITICAL ACCOMMODA-
TION. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT BASIC POINTS OF POLITICAL
COMPROMISE NOU BEING DEVELOPED BY LEBANESE MODERATES AND
DO NOT BEAR ANY SYRIAN BIAS.

WE MUST EXPECT THAT SYRIA WILL FOR SOME TIME TO COME HAVE
A GREATER ROLE IN LEBANON THAN IN THE PAST, FOR SYRIA
WILL BE REGARDED BY THE LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS AS DE
FACTO GUARANTORS OF THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT. WE ARE,
HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT LEBANON, WHILE LIVING WITH THIS
ENHANCED SYRIAN POSITION, NOT BECOME A RADICAL CONFRONTATION
STATE IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONTEXT. IT IS OUR INITIAL IM-
PRESSION THAT SYRIA IS ALERT TO THE INHERENT RISKS IN SUCH
A MOVE; AND WE THEREFORE WERE SOMEWHAT GRATIFIED T;AT
CERTAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT ASAD HAVE IMPLIED
THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT TRY TO ENCOURAGE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

4. THE SAHARA. SITUATION IN SPANISH SAHARA HAS EASED
SOMEWHAT FOLLOWING SHARP CLASHES BETWEEN MOROCCO AND
POLISARIO-ALGERIAN FORCES IN NORTHEAST SPANISH SAHARA IN
LATE JANUARY. MOROCCAN FORCES TOOK THE POLISARIO BASE IN
AMGALA, AND SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED INTO TIFARITI, BIR LAHLOU
AND, ON FEB 10, MAHBES, REPORTEDLY HITHOUT ENCOUNTERING

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RESISTANCE. POLISARIO CONTINUES TO ISSUE PROPAGANDA STATE-
MENTS FROM ALGIERS, BUT NO MOVE HAS BEEN MADE TO ESTABLISH
A "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" OF THE WESTERN SAHARA.

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE HAVE RECENTLY
STEPPED UP. SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR EGYPT
AND SYRIA, HAVE SENT HIGH-RANKING EMISSARIES TO ALGIERS,
RABAT, AND NOUAKCHOTT TO SEEK AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND
TO FIND A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE
BETWEEN MOROCCO WHICH MAINTAINS THAT THE STATUS OF THE
SAHARA HAS BEEN SETTLED, AND ALGERIA, WHICH INSISTS
THERE MUST BE A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE THE WILL OF THE
POPULATION. THUS FAR, THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN
PRODUCTIVE. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE ARAB
LEAGUE - OAU MEDIATION ATTEMPT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UN DESIGNATED SWEDEN'S UN PERMREP RYDBECK AS HIS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SAHARAN AFFAIRS, AND HE HAS
JUST CONCLUDED A FACT-FINDING MISSION TO THE AREA. THE
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KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER ALGERIA IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AND
MOROCCO TO AGREE TO AN ESSENTIALLY FACE-SAVING FORMULA
ON THE SELF-DETERMINATION ISSUE, OR WHETHER ALGERIA -
DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF STRONG SUPPORT IN ARABWORLD -
WILL DECIDE TO KEEP SAHARA POT BOILING THROUGH SUPPORT
FOR GUERRILLA ACTIVITY AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING RIVALRY
WITH HASSAN REGIME.

MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR CIVIL
AND MILITARY ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE SAHARAN AREAS UNDER
THEIR CONTROL. MAURITANIA, BY FAR THE WEAKER OFTHE
THREE CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS IN MILITARY TERMS, CONTINUES
TO BE HARASSED BY POLISARIO GUERRILLA ATTACKS.

THE USG CONTINUES TO URGE A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION IN THE
BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AND INTERESTED.
WE BELIEVE THAT THE NOVEMBER 14 MADRID ACCORDS PROVIDE
AN APPROPRIATE BASE FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE,
AND THE USG VOTED FOR THE SO-CALLED "PRO-MOROCCAN" SAHARA
RESOLUTION AT THE UN (WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED THEMADRID
ACCORDS), AND ABSTAINED ON THE SO-CALLED "PRO-ALGERIAN"
RESOLUTION. OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN ISTHAT DISPUTE BE
SETTLED WITHIN REGIONAL CONTEXT WITHOUT OUTSIDE POWER
INTERFERENCE OR EXPLOITATION. WE WANT TO MAINTAIN
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. AT
SAME TIME, GIVEN SOVIET AND LIBYAN MILITARY SUPPLY OF
ALGERIA, WE ARE CONTINUING OUR RELATIVELY MODEST
PROGRAM OF HELPING MOROCCO MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES.

5. CYPRUS. THE UNITED NATIONS ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 11
THAT THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKSWOULD RESUME IN VIENNA
ON FEBRUARY 17. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S DECISIONTO

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PROCEED WITH THE TALKS CAME ONLY AFTER HE HAD SUCCEEDED
IN ENSURING THERE WOULD BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE
KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. A BREAKTHROUGHOCCURRED WHEN

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL INFORMED WALDHEIM THAT
DENKTASH WAS PREPARED TO CONDUCT "SUBSTANTIAL" DISCUSSIONS
AND WOULD SUBMIT HIS VIEWS IN WRITING, IF NECESSARY. THE
GREEK-CYPRIOTS ALSO BACKED OFF ON PREVIOUS INSISTENCE THAT
THE TURKS SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES. THEY NOW
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SEEK ONLY A DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY AND SETTING A DATE FOR
A LATER EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS
ANTICIPATED THAT SUBCOMMITTEES -- WITH GREEK AND TURK
MAINLAND PARTICIPATION -- WILL BE FORMED IN VIENNA. THE
EXACT ROLE OF THESE SUBCOMMITTEES IS STILL UNCLEAR, BUT
IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL FUNCTION IN NICOSIA DURING
RECESSES IN THE VIENNA TALKS.

TALKING POINTS

-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE TALKS
WILL RESUME ON FEBRUARY 17.

-- WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVES PRIOR TO
THAT DATE. WE LEAVE IT TO THE NINE TO DETERMINE IF
ANOTHER EC-9 APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL BETWEEN NOW AND
WHEN THE TALKS RESUME.

-- WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THE RESUMED TALKS WILL BE OF
SUFFICIENT DEPTH AND DURATION TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION
OF THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

-- THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITED TO ASSISTING THE
PARTIES AS THEY MOVE INTO THE NEGOTIATING STAGE. THE
NINE CAN PLAY A BENEFICIAL ROLE IN STRESSING THE NEED
FOR SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS AND VISIBLE PROGRESS ON THE
KEY ISSUES.

6. ANGOLA. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION
IN ANGOLA. THE PAST FEW DAYS THE MPLA HAS SCORED MAJOR
MILITARY SUCCESSES ON BOTH FRONTS IN ANGOLA.IN THE
NORTH, THEY HAVE TAKEN SANTO ANTONIO DOZAIRE,THEREBY
VIRTUALLY ELIMINATING THE REMAINING AREA OF FNLA CONTROL.
IN THE SOUTH, THE MPLA HAS TAKENTHE UNITA/FNLA CAPITAL
OF HUAMBO, THE UNITA MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AT SILVA PORTO,
AND THE PORT OF LOBITO, AND THERE AREUNCONFIRMED REPORTS
THAT SA DA BANDEIRA AND MOCAMEDES, FARTHER TO THE SOUTH,
HAVE FALLEN AS WELL. THE ATTACKING FORCES ARE COMPOSED
PRIMARILY NOT OFMPLA TROOPS BUT OF CUBANS, AND ARE
HEAVILY ARMED WITH SOVIET FIREPOWER, INCLUDINGMULTIPLE
ROCKET LAUNCHERS, TANKS, HELICOPTERS, AND MIG JETS. WE

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ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROSPECT THAT AS THE CUBANS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE SOUTHWARD, THERE WILL BE A MAJOR CONFRONTATIONBETWEEN THEM AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN

FORCES IN THE AREA NEAR THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. MOREOVER, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A SUCCESSFUL SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WILL ENCOURAGE SOVIET ADVENTURISM ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, INCREASING THE SOVIET TEMPTATION TO INTERVENE WHEREVER THEY CONSIDER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE.

7. MIDDLE EAST. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CURRENT U.S. ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING RABIN'S VISIT.

TALKING POINTS

--FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE CLEAR ITS FIRM INTENTION TO REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AMONG THE PARTIES. AS WE EXPLAINED IN OUR STATEMENT ISSUED IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THAT DEBATE, WHICH DESERVES CAREFUL READING, OUR DECISION TO VETO WAS BASED ON OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE RESOLUTION PROPOSED WOULD HAVE ALTERED THE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED -- I.E., SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 -- IN WAYS WHICH COULD VERY WELL HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL TO REMAIN A PARTY TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR US TO CONTINUE TO PLAY THE UNIQUE PEACEMAKING ROLE WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CARRY OUT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

--WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE SITUATION CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIFT OR TO STAGNATE AND THAT NEGOTIATING ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS WILL BE NECESSARY THIS YEAR. WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO FINDING SOME WAY OF ENGAGING THE PARTIES IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT HOW THAT CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED.

--WE HAVE ENTERED A PERIOD OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS

WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARTIES, THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO PROCEED.

--THE FIRST STEP IN THIS CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WAS THE RECENT VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN, WITH WHOM WE HAD

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COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF ALL THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS --
I.E., A FURTHER TERRITORIAL STEP ON ONE OR MORE FRONTS,
OR ARECONVENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, OR A
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURE,
AGENDA AND PARTICIPATIONATGENEVA.

--THE TALKS WITH RABIN WERE NOT DECISION-MAKING IN NATURE,

SINCE HE MUST FIRST RETURN TO ISRAEL AND CONSULT WITH HIS
CABINET COLLEAGUES. RABIN TOOK WITH HIM OUR STRONG VIEW
THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FIND A WAY OF REVIVING THE
NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS
THE NEED FOR THIS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGES
WITH ISRAEL THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, AFTER WHICH
WE PLAN TO HAVE OUR AMBASSADORS TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES CON-
CERNED RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR A DETAILED DISCUSSION
SO THAT THEY MAY CONVEY OUR LATEST ASSESSMENT OF THE
POSSIBILITIES TO THE GOVERNMENTS IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS AND
AMMAN AND SOLICIT THOSE GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS.

--REPORTS THAT THE U.S. AND ISRAEL HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT
ON A SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION, SUCH AS INITIATING
ISRAELI-JORDANIAN NEGOTIATIONS AS A NEXT STEP, ARE NOT
REPEAT NOT CORRECT. PENDING COMPLETION OF THIS ROUND
OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE
TO COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE BEST COURSE TO
FOLLOW.

--WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE ISSUES
THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO MAKE
PROGRESS, INCLUDING AT SOME POINT THE QUESTION OF HOW
TO TAKE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND IN A SETTLEMENT, BUT WE INTEND TO
SPARE NO EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THAT OBJECTIVE. WE RECOGNIZE
THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH BOTH PRIME MINISTER RABIN
AND THE ARAB LEADERS CONCERNED FACE, BUT IT WILL BE
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NECESSARY FOR ALL CONCERNED TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO INJECT
NEW ELEMENTS INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND TO WEIGH
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ALTERNATIVES THEY FACE IF THERE
IS NO PROGRESS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

--WITH RESPECT TO WURTH'S TWO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (PARA
2C OF REFTEL A): (1) WE ABSTAINED ON THE BRITISH AMEND-
MENT REAFFIRMING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 BECAUSE IN
ADDITION TO WHAT WE AGREED WITH, IT ALSO STATED THAT
NOTHING IN THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL SUPERCEDED
THOSE RESOLUTIONS IN ANY WAY. YET THAT RESOLUTION
WOULD IN FACT HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF ALTERING THE
242/338 FRAMEWORK, AND WE THEREFORE FOUND THE BRITISH
AMENDMENT INHERENTLY CONTRADICTORY. WITH RESPECT

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TO THE 1948 RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION 194), DEALING WITH
REPATRIATION OR COMPENSATION FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES,
WE HAVE VOTED FOR THE REAFFIRMATION OF THAT RESOLUTION
EACH TIME IT HAS COME BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS
IMPORTANT TO RECALL THAT RESOLUTION 194 PROVIDES THAT
THOSE REFUGEES CHOOSING REPATRIATION WOULD DO SO ON THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO LIVE AT PEACE

WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. WE SEE NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN
THE PRINCIPLES OF RESOLUTION 194 AND THE OBJECTIVE
OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE CALLED FOR IN SC RESOLUTION
242, WHICH WOULD RECOGNIZE AMONG OTHER THINGS THE RIGHT
OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA TO EXIST AND LIVE IN PEACE.
AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT THE
REFUGEE PROBLEM WILL ONLY ULTIMATELY BE RESOLVED IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL PEACE
SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH
THE REPATRIATION/COMPENSATION ISSUE AMONG OTHERS.

8. KOREA IN THE UN.

EMBASSY SHOULD TELL LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY THAT WE HAVE
NO DESIRE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE ON THIS
ISSUE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM THE
OTHER SIDE TO OUR RESOLUTION OR TO THE SECRETARY'S
PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF CONCERNED PARTIES TO DISCUSS
WAYS TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TO EX-
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PLORE OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN
PENINSULA. OUR PRESENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT NORTH KOREA
AND ITS SUPPORTERS WILL FORCE A DEBATE. THE SECURITY
OF THE PENINSULA AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT REMAIN OUR CHIEF CONCERN. WE CONTINUE TO
BELIEVE THAT THE EC-9 ALSO HAS AN INTEREST IN SEEING
THE STABILITY OF THE PENINSULA MAINTAINED AND WE WOULD
WELCOME EC-9 SUPPORT, AS THEY PROVIDED LAST YEAR, IN
REINFORCING THIS BASIC INTEREST AS WELL AS TO MOVE THE
NORTH KOREANS AND THEIR FRIENDS TOWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE
DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN ANOTHER UNGA
DEBATE.

9. CHILE QUESTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)
THE USG IS APPROACHING THE DISCUSSION IN THE HRC OF
THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE WITH GREAT
SERIOUSNESS. WE SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF THE MANDATE
OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP SET UP AT LAST YEAR'S
SESSION OF THE HRC AS A POINT OF PRESSURE ON CHILEAN
AUTHORITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD.
WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH
WEO AND LA MEMBERS, A REASONABLY-WORDED RESOLUTION THAT
ACCOMPLISHES THIS, BUT WE WILL WANT TO STUDY CLOSELY

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ANY DRAFT TEXTS THAT ARE PROPOSED.

,0. NAMIBIA. AS THE NINE ARE AWARE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 385 ON NAMIBIA ON JANUARY 30, ONCE AGAIN CALLING ON SOUTH AFRICA TO END ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. WE WERE PLEASED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE AND TO ONCE AGAIN FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFIANT POLICIES THERE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE CONVENED IN WINDHOEK BY SOUTH AFRICA CAN NEVER BE CONSIDERED A DECISIVE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, WHILE POLITICAL GROUPS SUCH AS SWAPO, SWANU AND THE NAMIBIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AND WHILE THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION. WE WERE ENCOURAGED HOWEVER, BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENT IN THE COUNCIL DEBATE THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNSYG
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ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS OFFER SHOULD BE EXPLORED PROVIDE ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUPS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.

11. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AT THIS TIME ON OTHER QUESTIONS ON POLITICAL DIRECTORS' AGENDA (E.G. EC/PRC RELATIONS AND CSCE) WE ARE INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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